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REMARKS

Claims 1-38 are pending for the Examiner's consideration in this application. Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, FIGS. 2-5 and 7-11. As required, Applicants note that all claims 1-38 are readable on the species of figures included within Group I. For example, and in no way meant to be limited to the selected figure, claims 2-12, 23-29, 31-32, and 38 read on, e.g., FIG. 2 and claims 13-18 read on, e.g., FIG. 5. The coating of claims 19-20 and the density of claims 21 and 25, for example, are not depicted in the drawings, but these claims are generic because the coating or density can be included with any of the figures of the elected or non-elected groups. A few other generic claims include the features recited in claims 7-8 and 17.

Claims 22 and 33 read on, for example, FIG. 8. Claims 34-36 read on, for example, FIG. 7. Although FIG. 7, for example, does not show the cylindrical portion to be recessed, the accompanying text in the application states that this embodiment is encompassed by FIG. 7 (See, e.g., Specification at page 9, lines 8-10). Therefore, claims 30 and 37 can also be considered to read on FIG. 7 in the elected group.

Applicant now believes all claims to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner not agree with this position, a telephone or personal interview is requested to resolve any remaining issues and expedite allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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